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County Commission votes to establish Advisory Council on Drugs

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission, in regular session Monday morning, took action on several items of business ranging from awarding bids to establishing an advisory council on drugs.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks, in expressing his concerns about the drug problem that exists in Coffee County, offered a motion to establish an Advisory Council on Drugs.

He pointed out several specific problems - as he sees them - as being drugs in the schools, only drug pushers - not drug dealers being jailed, an appearance that most of the drug-related arrests are black youth, the loss of some of the best young people to the drug culture, and the appearance that most of our state and local governments are focusing on the issues that will not make our government a strong democracy.

Brooks proposes that the council work in conjunction with the drug task force, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, city councils, police departments, and other law enforcement agencies.

The composition of the council would be as follows: two individuals (one black & one white) representing the ministers' alliances; two representatives (one black & one white) from Enterprise, Elba and New Brockton; one individual from Kinston; two-at-large youths; two individuals representing community organizations; and two retired police

representatives to serve on the advisory council.

He also proposed that the terms of the members be staggered, and that the advisory council draft its own operation policy and procedures.

Commissioner Brooks outlined the specific functions of the council as follows: (1) Monitor and assess drug-related activities; (2) Render technical assistance to these agencies; task force, police departments, and sheriff's department; (3) Make quarterly reports to each city council and county commission; (4) Seek drug-related help from state and federal governments; and (5) Work with the media on drug-related mat-

ters. Total number of individuals on the council to be 15.

In his proposal, Brooks suggested that each city council or agency meet in a public forum to select their

representatives.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook suggested that the commission, before the first of the year, look into the possibility of establishing some kind of animal control (strays) for the county.

During the general business session from the commissioners, Commissioner Robert Stephens offered a motion that only one sign per mile per candidate be allowed on the rights-of-way of county roads.

The motion was tabled for further discussion. Stephens voted in the 70's.

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Elba's Christmas Festival set for Saturday



Elba's Christmas Festival will be held Saturday, November 28, around historic Courthouse Square in downtown Elba.

A full day of entertainment has been scheduled on the square beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be cloggers, Gospel groups, the EHS Chorus, impersonators, country music, and a favorite, "Mama." Also arts and crafts booths will be set up around the square, as well as an assortment of food, and downtown merchants will have their showrooms ready for Christmas shopping.

Santa Claus will be set up in the gazebo, and all those who wish to tell him what they want for Christmas may have pictures made with him from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

In addition to Santa Claus, there will be train rides, Bounce-A-Bout, face painting, and more, all ongoing right up until parade time.

The Christmas Pageant will be held Friday evening, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium.

This year the pageant will feature six age divisions: Teeny Tots, birth to 23 months; Tiny Tots, 2 to 4 years; Little Miss, grades K through 6; Junior Miss, grades 7 through 9; Miss, grades 10 through 12. Entry forms can be picked up at the Elba Elementary School or at Elba City Hall located in the recreation center (old Army Reserve Center) on North Claxton Avenue. For more information contact Starla Amison at 897-8301 or Cindy Hale at 897-9868.

The Christmas lights will be turned on at 5 p.m. by Mayor James Grimes and a "special person."

Immediately following the lighting ceremony, the Christmas Parade will begin, which again this year will be led by the "Magical Christmas Float." Remember this is the float to place donated items on, which are later distributed to area needy families. This has been

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Elba's city council meeting brief

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held a brief meeting Monday in which they heard several reports, but cast only one vote.

Commissioner Brooks was appointed to another term on the Elba Housing Authority. Mayor James Grimes said told council members she had agreed to serve another term if the council so desired. The vote for reappointment was unanimous.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow updated the council on the cost of purchasing new garbage trucks if the city council decides to get back into the garbage pick-up business.

A rear loader truck with 18 to 20 cubic yard capacity will cost

between \$68,000 and \$72,000. Morrow said this will be for picking up household garbage.

A front loader truck with a 35 cubic yard capacity will cost about \$120,000. This type truck is to empty the large dumpsters at commercial and industrial establishments.

Another report showed council members the estimated cost and income from the garbage service. Estimated income for the year is \$252,204, while expenses total \$264,548.33.

The expense figure is sum of \$201,411.56 paid to the present garbage contractor, based on 1809 pick-ups weekly plus \$63,136.77 paid to dump the garbage at the Coffee County landfill during the

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

This is the official week of Thanksgiving, a tradition which dates back to the settling of the new world. Traditionally we believe the first settlers from Europe expressed their thanks to the Native Americans for their settlers from Europe during those first harsh days. This was a group of people who were friendly with the Indians and received direct benefits for which they could never fully repay. Their lives were saved because the Indians knew how to live in the harsh winters and were generous with this knowledge. Today we often forget that the day is to salute these people and to give thanks to God for providing for us throughout the past year. Enjoy your turkey and/or ham, but please give thanks to your God for providing the feast.

There is an ad in this issue of the paper calling attention to the Open House at The Briar Patch. This business located on the square is celebrating its first birthday, having opened for business on November 22nd, 1997. The owners survived the March flood which hit both their home and the business. However, to walk in the store today, one would never suspect anything ever happened. It is brimming with all sorts of goodies for the home and some household items I tell them will make good dust collectors. These three men have put forth a strong effort to help Elba survive. We hope our readers join us in returning the jester ten fold.

At the Farm City banquet last Thursday night, Elba's Lynn Baker did a great job singing the national anthem! Expert singers report this is an awful hard song to sing, due to the range of the notes but Lynn handled it like the master she is. We would not attempt to sing it anymore someone else might be listening, but do appreciate those who can do it successfully and with the dignity it deserves.

The City of Elba is back in the downtown offices on Buford Street. There have been a few small glitches, but considering the major remodeling the building has undergone, things are going quite well. Major James Grimes is talking about an open house in the near future, but we have found that interested citizens can get the nickel (or maybe even the fifteen cent) tour just be expressing an interest. Just go by and drop a hint to a couple of the city employees and one is bound to offer to escort you around the nice facility.

Last week our fax machine was spitting out statements by both Attorney General Bill Pryor, Governor Fob James and Attorney Jere Beasley. Before we could figure out all the players in the national tobacco lawsuit settlement deal, James sent another reporting he had told Pryor to his best judgement on accepting the settlement. Now we think Alabama has signed on with the deal and are waiting for someone to explain the end results in language understandable by the average person.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 17, 1998, through November 23, 1998. They were: Betty Sams, Mildred Eiland, Betty Sams, Patty Marshall, DeVaughn, Patty Marshall, George Stackhouse, Lamar Daniels, Judy King, Bernice Griswold, Mildred Eiland, Ollie Earl Hussey, Estelle Jackson, Elender Dewberry, Jeffrey Odum, Ebony Craighead, Clara Kelley, Ollie Hussey, and Jeffrey Odum.

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6 months - \$9
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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 16, 1998, investigated the following incidents: five harassments, one burglary, one dog bite, seven thefts, one robbery, two DUIs, and one menacing.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for failure to appear and one for harassment. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: thirteen for speeding, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, two for running a stop sign, and two for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - River stage - 4.95 feet (6:09 a.m.); Burglary - Grimes' Auto Sales (7:07 a.m.); Burglary - 1000 W. Main (7:29 a.m.); Alarm at a business on the Troy Highway (5:54 a.m.); River stage - 4.14 feet (6:36 a.m.); County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (10:00 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline Street (5:02 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (6:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the county landfill (2:16 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - River stage - 4.89 feet (6:28 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a vehicle fire on Yelverton Street (11:34 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to Worth tent on the Troy Highway (12:15 p.m.); Burglary reported on Wayne Street (12:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Dorseys Trailers (3:56 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (5:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Medical Center Enterprise (5:48 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to Marler Trailer Court (11:33 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - Alarm at a residence on Lee Street (2:47 a.m.); River stage - 5.16 feet (6:39 a.m.); Burglary reported at Wise's Cleaners on Factory Avenue (8:11 a.m.); Alarm at the National Guard Armory (8:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 167N (9:53 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (11:45 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a mobile home fire in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline Street (9:25 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - Prowler reported on West Avenue (12:01 a.m.); River stage - 4.89 feet (6:32 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - Disturbance reported on Caroline Street (2:31 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (3:50 a.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - River stage - 4.95 feet (6:09 a.m.); Burglary - Grimes' Auto Sales (7:07 a.m.); Burglary - 1000 W. Main (7:29 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (6:34 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Hickman Avenue (3:56 p.m.).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Disturbance reported on Caroline Street (2:31 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (3:50 a.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - River stage - 4.95 feet (6:09 a.m.); Burglary - Grimes' Auto Sales (7:07 a.m.); Burglary - 1000 W. Main (7:29 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (6:34 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Hickman Avenue (3:56 p.m.).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 31 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 - Disturbance reported on Caroline Street (2:31 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (3:50 a.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 - River stage - 4.95 feet (6:09 a.m.); Burglary - Grimes' Auto Sales (7:07 a.m.); Burglary - 1000 W. Main (7:29 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (6:34 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Hickman Avenue (3:56 p.m.).

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 - Disturbance reported on Caroline Street (2:31 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (3:50 a.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 - River stage - 4.95 feet (6:09 a.m.); Burglary - Grimes' Auto Sales (7:07 a.m.); Burglary - 1000 W. Main (7:29 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (6:34 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Hickman Avenue (3:56 p.m.).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 - Fire department dispatched to Reynolds Cabinet Shop on Jackson Street (1:08 p.m.); Burglary reported at Movie Gallery (3:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Old Southern Highway (4:12 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported at Morrow Village (5:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (8:41 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported on West Street (11:00 p.m.).

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



Tiger Tales

Anna Maddox
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Punctuality Defined AS...

by Lee English

Webster defines punctuality as occurring or arriving at the stated time. Being punctual includes no tardiness and consistently no absences. No one person can always be on time, but everyone can be on time or her/his hardest at the school. She is the daughter of Deborah and Nathan Simmons and is a junior at Elba High School. She is a member of VICA, Sr. Class and the Nebbia Bell Choir. In her free time she enjoys reading and watching television. In the future she plans to be the owner of a very successful bakery chain.

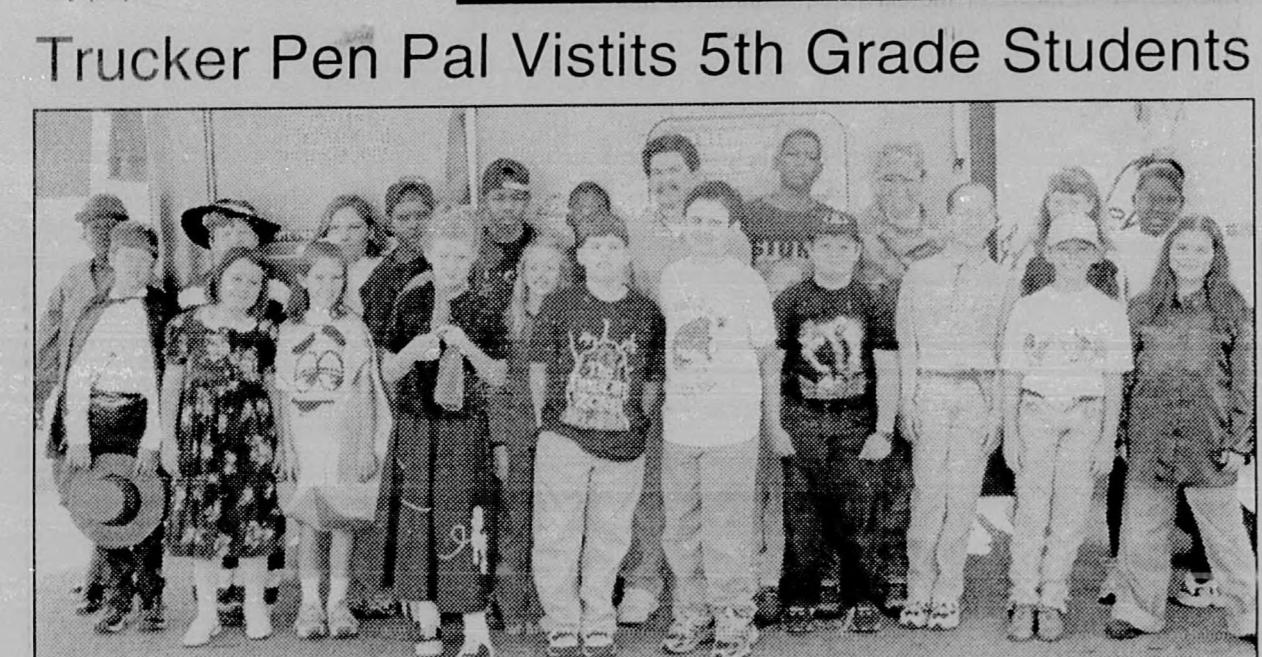
We are proud to shine this week's Co-op spotlight on Jessica Welch.

EHS Seniors Visit ESJC

by Casey Henderson

On November 5, 1998, a group of seniors from Elba High School traveled to Enterprise State Junior College to participate in the annual Career Day. The students arrived around 10:00 a.m. to look around and to gather information from the various booths and businesses that sparked their interest. The seniors enjoyed their trip and learned about various occupations and interests as they prepared for their future.

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Mr. Eddie Brown, driver for Schneider National Carriers, visited Mrs. Wilson's 5th grade class on October 30, 1998. Mr. Eddie, as the students call him, is the students' truck driver pen pal who spoke to the class on driving safety. He gave them safety pamphlets along with numerous useful gifts. Students were also able to sit in the driver's seat of his big truck.

The class would like to thank Eddie for the visit and the gifts and hopes he can come again very soon.

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FBLA Officers Attend Leadership Conference

by Alisha Culliver

On the weekend of November 6, 1998, Leslie Stinson and Alisha Culliver attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. Ingrid Clark, FBLA Coordinator and key-boarder, Justice at Elba High School, accompanied Leslie and Alisha as their advisor.

By attending the advisor's workshop, Mrs. Clark learned of ways to raise money, promote FBLA, recruit new members, and promote leadership. She also participated in hands-on activities that can be shared with the officers and members.

FBLA President, Leslie Stinson shared her thoughts about the FBLA conference. "Thanks to such a great program as FBLA, I feel confident and sure that I will be prepared enough to enter the business world. I plan to remain an FBLA officer to make my mark as a great leader who has a desire to succeed. After speaking in many speeches given by very influential people at the Birmingham conference, I have learned that being a successful business leader is something that cannot be accomplished overnight."

Leslie is the current FBLA President at Elba High School and is currently on her way to being a successful entrepreneur in the future.

FBLA Vice-President, Alisha Culliver, also described what she learned. "As a result of the Birmingham Conference, I learned that bringing business and education together in a positive working relationship is a great way to prepare today's students for the business world. I also feel that I have



Pictured above are: Alisha Culliver and Leslie Stinson

attained a position of trust and responsibility that will be beneficial to me as I continue to pursue my goals and dreams for the future."

Alisha plans to take advantage of her position as FBLA Vice-President and help to make this 1998-99 FBLA Chapter the best it can be.

Mrs. Clark, Leslie Stinson, and Alisha Culliver learned how to build a more successful club through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Finally, free enterprise depends on competition. Competition affects the price and quality of goods and services.

FBLA Chapters celebrate American Enterprise Day through a wide range of activities, projects and festivities. The scope of these activities varies by chapter size, budget, and ambition.

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Elba Elementary School Menu Nov. 30 - Dec. 4, 1998

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, 1/2 Apple, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza
Friday - Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Fried Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Field Peas, Roll, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
Tuesday - Barbecue, Rice, Okra, Bread, Banana, Milk
Wednesday - Hamburger, Tomato, Pickled Water Tots, California Vegetables, Peach Half, Milk
Thursday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Football Playoffs Something Special

by Daniel Murdock

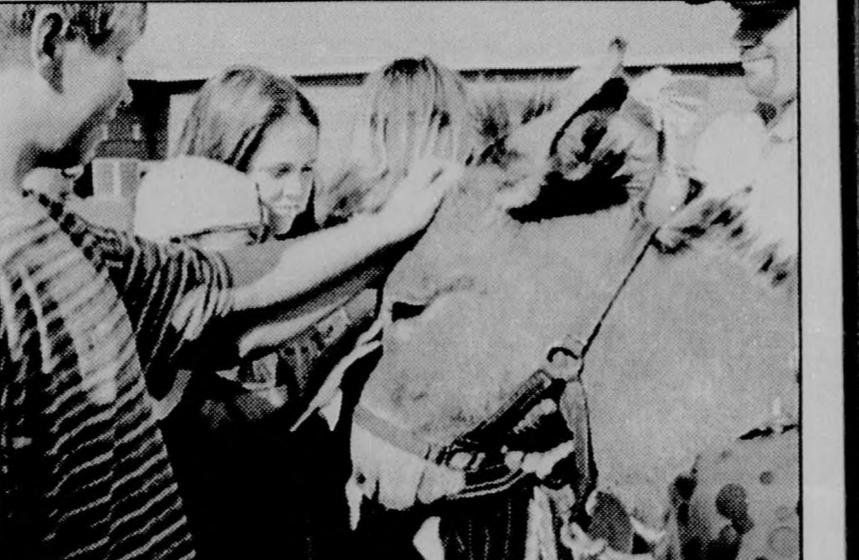
The playoffs are something that is very special to any football team as it is the time of the season when they are rewarded for their excellence and hard work by playing a few extra games. Then if the team is lucky or just real good they will have a chance to display their greatness in the school's trophy case and perhaps a banner under their scoreboard in their gym. Even if your team wins only one playoff game it is still something great as the entire town embraces the team and just for one week, you feel a bit invincible. They proved that they are truly a great team.

Finally the Tigers won the heart of the entire town as everyone started praising them and giving them a worthy pat on the back. The small town rallied around the football players as everyone could now rec-

ognize their faces and words of hero and fantastic buzzed throughout the crisp autumn air. No longer were there sounds of discouragement; instead most everyone gleamed with assurance and excitement as the mighty Elba Tigers diligently prepared for their second round opponent. Once again the Elba football team could rightfully boast of a tradition that teams of the past fought so hard to build and maintain over generations. It is a truly special tradition that the citizens of Elba like to refer to as The Pride.

It is amazing what the Elba Tigers have been able to accomplish so far this year. It is also amazing how winning one game can give new life to a school and catch the imagination of the entire town. Yes, the playoffs are truly something special and so are the Elba Tigers.

Internet Burro Visits EES



The fifth-grade students in Elba Elementary School are learning about current events through *Weekly Reader's*, newspapers for kids. The fifth-grade teachers integrate the *Weekly Reader's* into their lessons each week. The students recently learned about adopting wild mustangs and burros off the Internet.

Since the students were particularly interested in adopting these wild animals, the guidelines and adoption process, the fifth-grade teachers arranged for a guest speaker to come speak to the students.

Tiffany Helms from Enterprise brought her adopted burro, Jack, to visit the excited young kids. She was able to answer many questions about the adoption process and the amount of time and hard work necessary to care for wild animals. The fifth-graders enjoyed seeing what they had read about in class, and Jack really enjoyed the treats fed to him by the kids!

The fifth-graders would like to send a special thanks to Ms. Helms and Jack for their time.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY

SCHOOLS

Zion Chapel's Award Winning Rebel Cheerleaders

by Kendra Ward

The Zion Chapel cheerleaders attended the Coffee County Board of Education meeting Nov. 12, 1998. They were there to be recognized for their work and their accomplishments of the year.

Ms. Tempelin credits hard work for giving the squad its success.

She stresses conditioning, lots of running, push ups and working with weight in addition to hours practicing cheers and routines.

"We do a lot of stunts and we're really probably getting a lot better with our stunts, getting up in the air more," Ms. Tempelin said.

The cheerleaders' drive to spread spirit this year also won them honors, bringing them first place in a school spirit decorating contest held at Wal-Mart's Colonial Bank in October.

"These girls have worked hard and have a lot of school spirit and have really done a good job of getting the school involved," she said.

The Homecoming Week, celebrated the last week of October, the cheerleaders made up the spirit days.

"The girls show their dedication to the spirit by working concession stands at home games for Troy State University, which is the cheerleaders' main fund raiser.

They had never competed at the camp before, but the LA squad strayed its stuff and claimed first place in the cheering competition-a match that included all classes.

They also won several "superior" and "excellent" ribbons at the camp.

"I think it's awesome," squad Captain Kendra Ward said of the year thus far. "We just work really good together. We get along great."

said Michele Tempelin, squad sponsor.

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SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

While none of us are die-hard college football fans, the Alabama fans in the Mularz family outdo the Auburn fans 3-1. Melissa is the first that she could root for any team she wanted to, we would all just watch the game and not cheer for either team. That ended quickly when Auburn bolted out to a 17-0 lead, and after a friendly reminder from Daddy, Melissa decided that maybe she should watch the rest of the game at her aunts' house. The final score of 31-17 did make Mom, Dad and Melanie happy; however, nothing was said to Melissa, and after the game Dad changed channels and the kids played video games. In our house it's just a peaceful rivalry.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF SPORTS....

*** The Elba Tigers opened their basketball season Monday night, and it will be interesting to see if the Tigers can win anywhere near as many games as their fans believe. Elba does return three of the areas top players in Tim Ware, Wayne Reed and Eric Jordan, but Ware and Reed are both young, and still have many lessons to learn on the court. Elba should be much improved and appears to have a chance to be big winners; however, games are won on the court and not on paper, and only time will tell if the Tigers can get it done on the court.

*** The second annual Coffee County Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament will be held this week at both Kinston and New Brockton, with four games set for both on Wednesday and Friday, and four games set for Saturday. Kinston's Tip-Off tournaments are impossible to predict, but the ashford, while over in the girls division teams to beat should be Strangin, Arinton and Kinston. The action will be non-stop all three days, and all area basketball fans should make plans to attend.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs kept their state title hopes alive last week with a 9-0 win over St. Jude, and the Bulldogs are now just one win away from a trip to Legion Field and the "Super Six" championships. The Bulldogs dominated action throughout the game in the win over the Pirates, and only mistakes kept Brantley from rolling up a bigger number of points. The Brantley defense continued to play well and recorded a shut-out, and may very well be the strength of the team. I could be proven wrong Friday night, however, it appears to me that if Brantley plays well it could very well go all the way!

*** The Alabama-Auburn game wasn't exactly one for the record books, but it was very entertaining for both teams, and the best team probably did win the game. Auburn came to Birmingham with a game plan to upset the highly-favored Crimson Tide, and almost delivered a first round knockout, but a early 17-0 lead. Once the staggered Tide got their feet wet and a few punches of its own it became obvious that it would be a good game, and probably the biggest difference in the game was Alabama tailback Shaan Alexander. Alexander had two touchdowns worthy of the highlight films and as the game went on the burly speedster took command. After the game a couple of things were very clear to see. One, Coach Mike DuBose is the right coach at Alabama Two, Coach Bill Oliver had his team ready to win despite being out-manned. And, three, while you can question the talent at Auburn, you can never question the heart of the Auburn players. It was just another in a long line of Alabama-Auburn games that fans will remember, until they meet again.

*** There was a feature on the NFL home page last week about Elba's own Ronald McKinnon, and in the three-page feature it was stated that the third year pro with Arizona could very well be on his way to the NFL All-Star game in Honolulu. McKinnon was compared to former Chicago Bear great Mike Singletary by the Arizona defensive coordinator, and Cardinals' Coach Vince Tobin stated "He doesn't have the size or speed that maybe you are always looking for, but he gives you everything he's got on every play and is a tremendous asset to this football team." It is good to see that the Elba Tiger standout finally getting the publicity he so richly deserves as a true NFL defensive end.

*** Yo Oh Prodigy dropped by Sunday morning and said that after last week's 17-5 slate he was glad the playoffs were nearing an end. He has hit on 66 of 79 playoff picks, and before leaving did leave this week's picks....

Brantley 16, Notasulga 8
Parish 14, Courtland 14
Southern Choctaw 22, Maplesville 20
Lineville 21, Clay County 19
Briarwood 28, Aliceville 13
Randolph County 34, Springville 14
St. Paul's 24, T.R. Miller 17
Deshler 27, Midfield 21
Blount 21, Stanhope Elmore 14
Etowah 17, Gadsden 16
Vigor 10, Tuscaloosa County 8
Vestavia Hills 15, Shades Valley 15

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In "Game of the Week"

Kinston surprises Zion Chapel 63-59

The Kinston Bulldogs went on a 7-0 run midway through the fourth quarter to turn a two-point deficit into a five-point lead, and held on in the closing minutes despite hitting only 5 of their final 14 free-throws. Bret Nobles scored in 23 points to lead Kinston, while Jeremiah King added 17. Josh Graham scored 25 points for the Rebels.

Kinston hit two late baskets to give the Bulldogs a 39-35 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but Zion Chapel refused to quit and remained in lead at 41-39 with 6:53 left in the game on a jumper by Josh Grantham.

Two quick baskets by Bret Nobles sparked a Kinston rally that pushed the Bulldogs back on 46-41 with 12:12 at the end of the stanza on a three-pointer by Chris Hughes, and the two teams swapped baskets for much of the second quarter until Kinston sneaked ahead 22-21 with 2:02 left in the stanza a three-pointer by Bret Nobles.

Zion Chapel began to foul in a last-ditch effort to get back in the game, and while the Bulldogs did miss 9 of their final 14 free-throws attempts, they managed to hold on and claim the exciting 63-59 win.

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(GIRLS GAME)

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Briarwood at its own 44-yardline,

and two plays later Andy Johnson lofted a 27-yard pass to Zack Burnett to move the Bulldogs to the St. Jude 18-yardline.

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Briarwood moved back into Pirate territory on its next possession and

appeared ready to add to its lead, but came away empty-handed when a field-goal try was blocked.

A long punt by the Bulldogs' Bo Daniels in the second quarter was downed at the St. Jude one-yardline by Andre Mitchell, and one play later the Pirates' Timothy Robinson recovered his own fumble in the endzone for a safety. The safety increased Briarwood's lead to 9-0 with 9:52 remaining in the half.

The win improved Briarwood's record to 11-2 and moved the Bulldogs into a semifinal match-up against Notasulga, while St. Jude

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(B GAME)

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels opened their season on a winning note as they defeated Kinston 39-37.

In overtime, Kinston's Lady Bulldogs had rallied late to send the game into the extra period, but the

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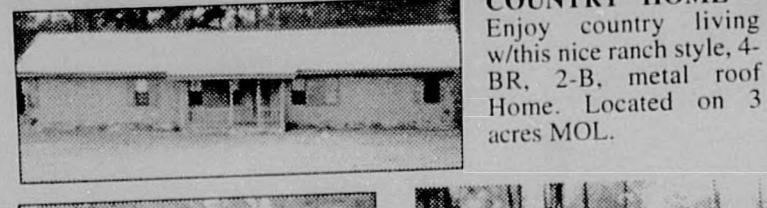
Goshen High School to sponsor arts and crafts festival at school

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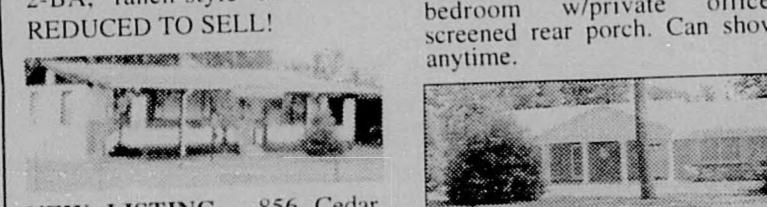
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967 MORROW ST. - Home Sweet Home! Quiet neighborhood, hospital, 3-BR, 2-B, ranch style home w/FP, LR, DR, beautiful hardwood floors, large storage room and much more. READY TO OCCUPY.



CLOSE TO TOWN - Ranch Style Home, 3-BR, 1B, 2-car carport. CH&A. Just right - Starter Home or Empty Nester. Call to see.



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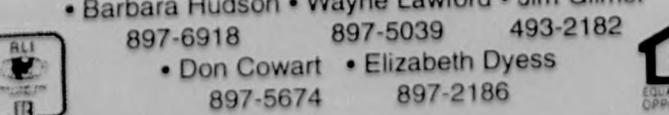
HUNTING LAND - 200 Acres, more or less, or will divide. Located between Elba & New Brockton. **POULTRY FARM** - Two Poultry Farms For Sale - Laying and Broiler - Call for Details!

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Home cooking safety tips

ANGELA HUGHES County Extension Agent

Do you know what to do if a fire starts in your home? Here are some home cooking fire safety tips.

Don't leave anything cooking unattended. The leading cause of home cooking fires and injuries is unattended cooking. If you leave the kitchen, turn off the heat.

Dress appropriately for cooking. Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves and use caution when working near heat sources. Don't get in the habit of reaching or leaning over the stove.

Turn handles inward so pots and pans won't be pulled or knocked off the stove. Turn the handles toward the center of the stove so they don't hang over the edge within reach of children.

Keep the stove top clean and clear. Don't let food or grease build up. Also, don't store combustibles such as potholders or wooden utensils on top. Remember, use the stove top for cooking only, not for storage.

Use caution with electrical appliances. Don't plug too many devices into one outlet, and don't overload extension cords. Have appliances with frayed or cracked cords repaired before using them.

Keep all appliances clean. Spilled food could ignite and cause a fire. Turn off appliances after using.

If a pan of grease starts on the stove top, carefully slide a lid or larger pan over the fire, then turn off the burner. Never pour water on a grease fire.

If a pan fire starts inside the oven, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to suffocate the flames. Call the fire department if the fire doesn't go out immediately.

If the fire starts inside your microwave, keep the door shut and push the stop switch. Keep the door closed until the fire is out. Call the fire department if the fire doesn't go out immediately.

If your clothing catches fire, do

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EAST DAVIS ST. - Southern home w/a special touch of class... architecturally designed... amenities too numerous to list... once in a lifetime buy... Call today for private showing.

901 FLOURNOY ST. - You never know what your dream boat... or dream home may come along... 3-BR, 2 1/2 B. Extremely nice inside. This is a must see for serious home buyers.

NEW LISTING - Great location for the privacy you want. 80 Acres w/ water, w/ mobile home. More. Call to see.

HUNTING OR SPECIAL GET-A-WAY - 42 Acres, MOL. Remote, but close to town.

FLOURNOY ST. - Good location, good neighborhood. Ranch style w/3 BR, 2-BAs, large family home w/fireplace and lots more. Drop by and let us show you.

107 TAYLOR AVE. - Looking for a good buy in a home or potential business location? 3-BR, 1 1/2 B. Brick. Give us a call we can show anything!

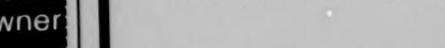
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